## Spencer County, Indiana

# Highlights



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#### Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

*Highlights* are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.



Don't hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.

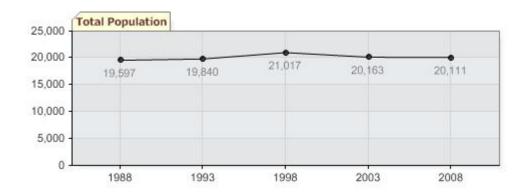
#### Location

Spencer County is located in southwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by the Ohio River and the State of Kentucky. Perry County borders to the east; Dubois County is to the north; and Warrick County to the west. Spencer County is one of the nine counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 11.

## **Population**

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

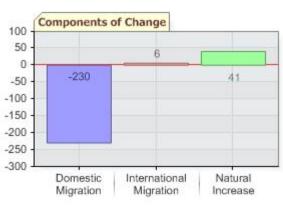
<b>Population Over Time</b>					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	19,597	19,840	21,017	20,163	20,111
Change Since 1988		243	1,420	566	514
Pct. Change Since 1988		1.2%	7.2%	2.9%	2.6%



Source: US Census Bureau

#### **Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008**

	Number	
Net Domestic Migration	-230	
International Migration	6	
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	41	
Births	237	
Deaths	196	



Source: US Census Bureau

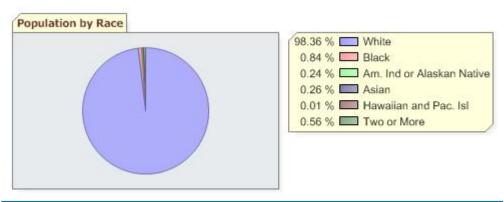
#### **Population Estimates by Age in 2007**

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,171	5.8%
School Age	3,577	17.6%
College Age	1,668	8.2%
Young Adult	5,166	25.5%
Older Adult	5,818	28.7%
Older (65 plus)	2,934	14.5%

Source: US Census Bureau

## Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	48	0.2%
Asian Alone	53	0.3%
Black Alone	170	0.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	2	0.0%
White Alone	19,948	98.4%
Two or More Race Groups	113	0.6%



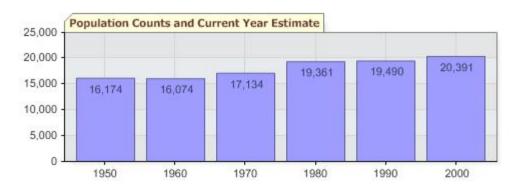
Hispanic or Latino		
Non-Hispanic or Latino	19,904	98.1%
Hispanic or Latino	430	2.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000					
	Number	Pct. Dist			
Total Households	7,569	100.0%			
Family Households	5,755	76.0%			
Married with Children	2,217	29.3%			
Married without Children	2,706	35.8%			
Single Parents	460	6.1%			
Other	372	4.9%			
Non-family Households	1,814	24.0%			
Living Alone	1,577	20.8%			
Average Household Size	2.70				
Average Family Household Size	3.55				

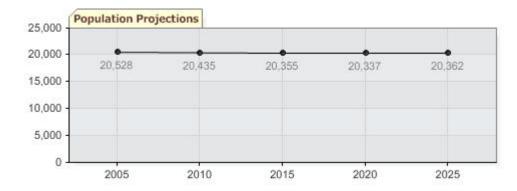
Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate						
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.			
1950	16,174	NA	NA			
1960	16,074	-100	-0.6%			
1970	17,134	1,060	6.6%			
1980	19,361	2,227	13.0%			
1990	19,490	129	0.7%			
April 2000	20,391	901	4.6%			
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A			



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<b>Population Projections</b>					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	20,528	20,435	20,355	20,337	20,362
Change Since 2005		-93	-173	-191	-166
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.5%	-0.8%	-0.9%	-0.8%

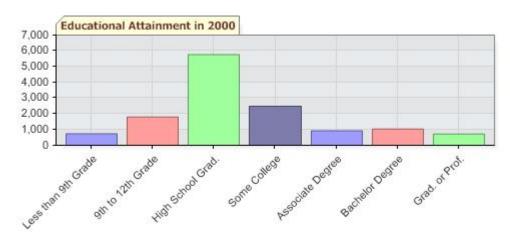


Source: Indiana Business Research Center

#### **Education**

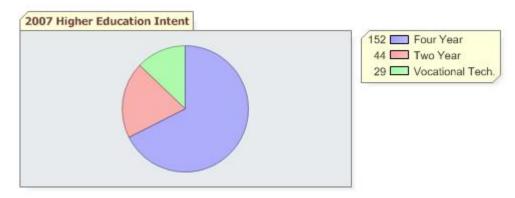
The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

<b>Educational Attainment</b>						
	1970	1980	1990	2000		
Total Population 25 and Older	9,316	11,214	12,509	13,491		
Less than 9th Grade	3,512	2,758	1,406	740		
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,787	1,866	2,106	1,801		
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	3,023	4,580	5,515	5,769		
Some College, No Degree			1,714	2,493		
Associate Degree			622	937		
Bachelors Degree			590	1,034		
Graduate or Professional Degree			556	717		



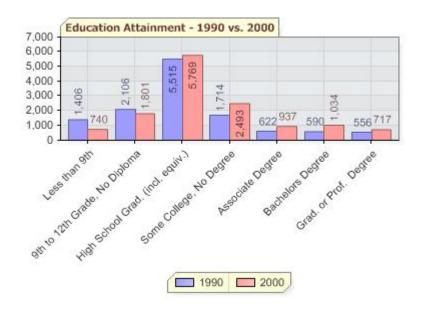
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

<b>High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education</b>					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Total Graduates	292	282	288	271	
Total to Higher Education	230	239	243	225	
Four-Year Institution	156	180	174	152	
Two-Year Institution	44	32	42	44	
Vocational/Tech.	30	27	27	29	
Military	14	11	7	11	



Source: Indiana Department of Education

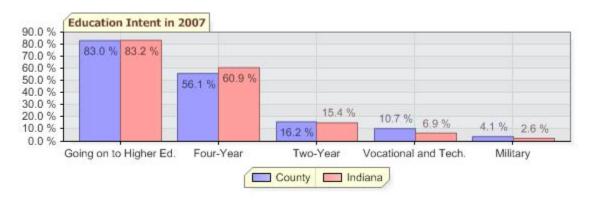
Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000						
	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+		
Total Population 25+	12,509	100.0%	13,491	100.0%		
Less than 9th Grade	1,406	11.2%	740	5.5%		
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,106	16.8%	1,801	13.3%		
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	5,515	44.1%	5,769	42.8%		
Some College, No Degree	1,714	13.7%	2,493	18.5%		
Associate Degree	622	5.0%	937	6.9%		
Bachelors Degree	590	4.7%	1,034	7.7%		
Graduate or Professional Degree	556	4.4%	717	5.3%		



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent				
	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.		

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	83.0%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	56.1%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	16.2%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	10.7%	6.9%
Military	4.1%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

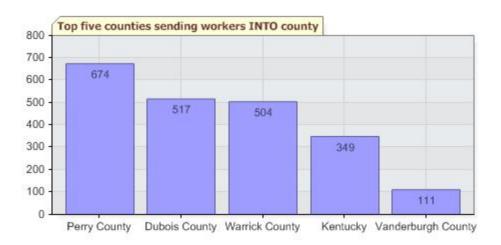
## **Commuting**

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

Commuting Data, 2007	
	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	14,752
Number of tax filers who work in the county	11,856
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	9,428
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	2,428

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

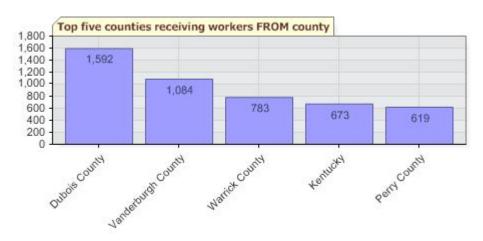
<b>Commuting Patterns: Top fiv</b>	e counties sei	nding workers INTO county, 2007
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Perry County	674	32.0%
Dubois County	517	24.6%
Warrick County	504	23.9%
Kentucky	349	16.6%
Vanderburgh County	111	4.9%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

#### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

Pct. Five County Total	Number	County
33.5%	1,592	Dubois County
22.8%	1,084	Vanderburgh County
16.5%	783	Warrick County
14.2%	673	Kentucky
13.0%	619	Perry County



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

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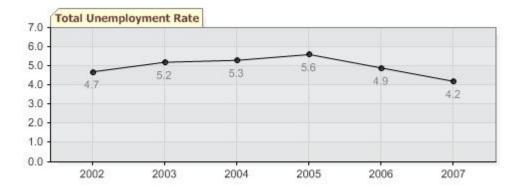
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	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	9,945	100.0%
Travel To Work	9,569	96.2%
Car, Truck, or Van	9,358	94.1%
Traveled Alone	8,327	83.7%
Carpooled	1,031	10.4%
Used Public Transportation	13	0.1%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	198	2.0%
Worked At Home	376	3.8%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	28.0	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	21.5	

Source: US Census Bureau

### **Labor Force**

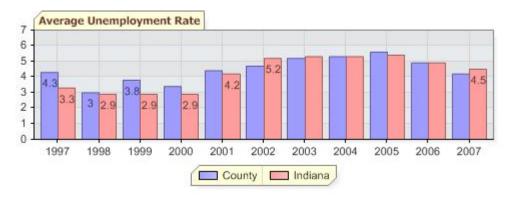
An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

<b>Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007</b>					
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000			
Labor Force	10,471	-5.1%			
Employed	10,035	-5.9%			
Unemployed	436	16.3%			
Rate	4.2	23.5%			



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Fo	orce Estimates				
	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	11,276	10,796	480	4.3	3.3
1998	12,144	11,774	370	3.0	2.9
1999	12,029	11,574	455	3.8	2.9
2000	11,039	10,664	375	3.4	2.9
2001	10,555	10,094	461	4.4	4.2
2002	10,615	10,116	499	4.7	5.2
2003	10,737	10,177	560	5.2	5.3
2004	10,562	10,007	555	5.3	5.3
2005	10,707	10,107	600	5.6	5.4
2006	10,633	10,111	522	4.9	4.9
2007	10,471	10,035	436	4.2	4.5

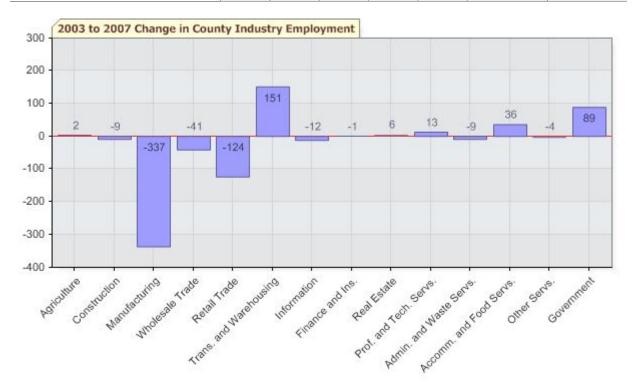


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## **Employment**

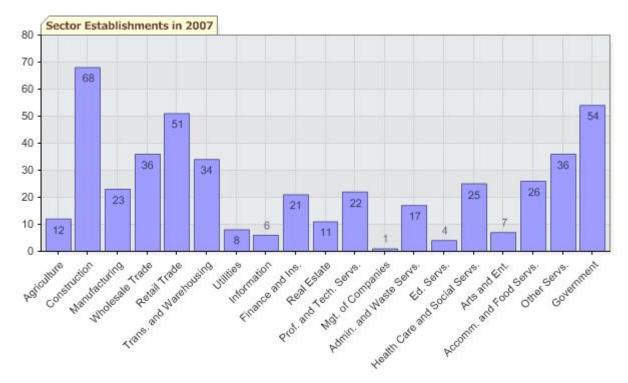
Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

<b>Average Employment by Se</b>	ctor						
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	7,292	7,237	7,213	7,124	7,083	-209	-2.87%
Total Private Employment	6,301	6,190	6,141	6,050	6,003	-298	-4.73%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	63	71	67	64	65	2	3.17%
Mining	D	D	D	D	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	273	224	274	271	264	-9	-3.30%
Manufacturing	1,708	1,611	1,466	1,446	1,371	-337	-19.73%
Wholesale Trade	512	465	477	441	471	-41	-8.01%
Retail Trade	582	575	551	471	458	-124	-21.31%
Transport. and Warehousing	206	281	340	349	357	151	73.30%
Utilities	D	D	D	281	282	N/A	N/A
Information	115	117	112	112	103	-12	-10.43%
Finance and Insurance	130	102	107	124	129	-1	-0.77%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	16	18	20	20	22	6	37.50%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	86	91	104	98	99	13	15.12%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	453	414	417	474	444	-9	-1.99%
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	276	286	294	293	289	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	482	517	542	D	D	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	399	410	393	434	435	36	9.02%
Other Services	220	227	218	216	216	-4	-1.82%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	991	1,047	1,072	1,074	1,080	89	8.98%



Note: D = non-discloseable in compliance with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and/or State of Indiana confidentiality guidelines. Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, as of January 29, 2009

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	467	460	460	455	462	-5	-1.07%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	422	414	414	410	408	-14	-3.32%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	17	16	16	15	12	-5	-29.41%
Mining	D	D	D	D	0	N/A	N/A
Construction	56	53	62	64	68	12	21.43%
Manufacturing	26	26	25	24	23	-3	-11.54%
Wholesale Trade	38	37	37	37	36	-2	-5.26%
Retail Trade	58	55	56	52	51	-7	-12.07%
Transport. and Warehousing	36	36	35	34	34	-2	-5.56%
Utilities	D	D	D	8	8	N/A	N/A
Information	7	7	6	6	6	-1	-14.29%
Finance and Insurance	19	17	19	20	21	2	10.53%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	12	12	10	10	11	-1	-8.33%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	27	26	24	23	22	-5	-18.52%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	17	16	16	17	17	0	0.00%
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	24	24	24	24	25	1	4.17%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	7	9	8	D	D	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	29	29	27	28	26	-3	-10.34%
Other Services	36	37	38	37	36	0	0.00%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	45	46	46	45	54	9	20.00%



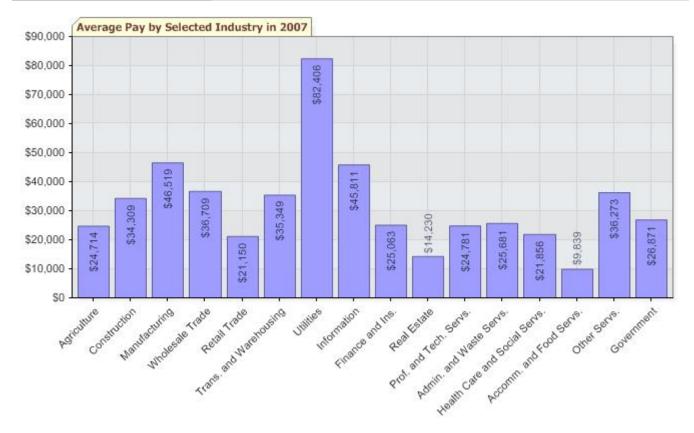
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## **Earnings and Income**

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

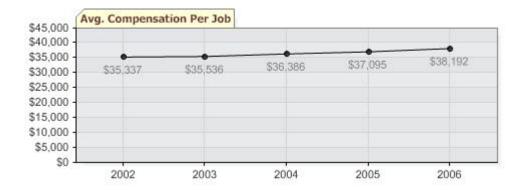
<b>Average Annual Earnings by</b>	Industry				
		Change	% Change	Indiana	% of

	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$29,064	\$31,720	\$2,655	9.1%	\$37,530	84.5%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$19,792	\$24,714	\$4,922	24.9%	\$28,008	88.2%
Mining	D	0	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$28,943	\$34,309	\$5,366	18.5%	\$44,754	76.7%
Manufacturing	\$38,782	\$46,519	\$7,737	20.0%	\$51,148	91.0%
Wholesale Trade	\$34,359	\$36,709	\$2,350	6.8%	\$51,432	71.4%
Retail Trade	\$17,632	\$21,150	\$3,518	20.0%	\$22,581	93.7%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$29,941	\$35,349	\$5,408	18.1%	\$38,012	93.0%
Utilities	D	\$82,406	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	120.7%
Information	\$35,695	\$45,811	\$10,116	28.3%	\$46,311	98.9%
Finance & Insurance	\$27,319	\$25,063	-\$2,255	-8.3%	\$52,649	47.6%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$11,245	\$14,230	\$2,985	26.5%	\$32,614	43.6%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$21,302	\$24,781	\$3,479	16.3%	\$51,451	48.2%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$24,460	\$25,681	\$1,221	5.0%	\$24,934	103.0%
Education Svcs.	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$19,836	\$21,856	\$2,021	10.2%	\$37,706	58.0%
Arts, Ent. &, Rec.	\$12,255	D	N/A	N/A	\$29,251	N/A
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,595	\$9,839	\$1,244	14.5%	\$12,442	79.1%
Other Svcs.	\$34,565	\$36,273	\$1,708	4.9%	\$24,862	145.9%
Fed.l, State & Local Govt.	\$27,348	\$26,871	-\$476	-1.7%	\$37,054	72.5%



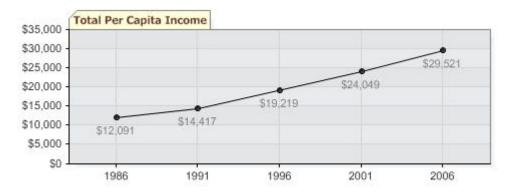
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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$35,337	\$35,536	\$36,386	\$37,095	\$38,192	
Change Since 2002		\$199	\$1,049	\$1,758	\$2,855	
Pct. Change Since 2002		0.6%	3.0%	5.0%	8.1%	



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,091	\$14,417	\$19,219	\$24,049	\$29,521
Change Since 1986		\$2,326	\$7,128	\$11,958	\$17,430
Pct. Change Since 1986		19.2%	59.0%	98.9%	144.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$31,719
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	33.9%

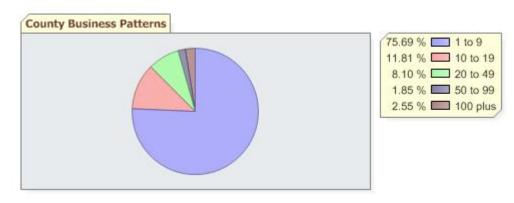
Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

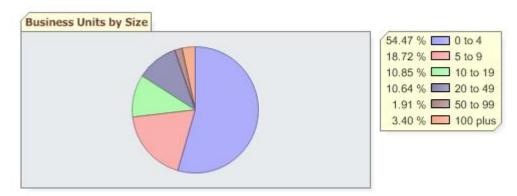
County Business Patterns, 2006					
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06		Pct. of Total	
1-9 employees	327	12	3.8%	75.7%	
10-19 employees	51	2	4.1%	11.8%	
20-49 employees	35	9	34.6%	8.1%	

50-99 employees	8	2	33.3%	1.9%
100 plus employees	11	-1	-8.3%	2.5%
TOTAL	432	24	5.9%	100.0%



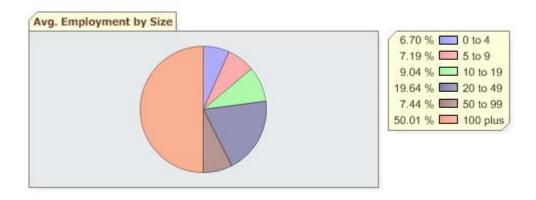
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3					
	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total			
0 to 4 employees	256	54.5%			
5 to 9 employees	88	18.7%			
10 to 19 employees	51	10.9%			
20 to 49 employees	50	10.6%			
50 to 99 employees	9	1.9%			
100 plus employees	16	3.4%			
TOTAL	470	100.0%			



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3				
	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total		
0 to 4 employees	521	6.7%		
5 to 9 employees	559	7.2%		
10 to 19 employees	703	9.0%		
20 to 49 employees	1,528	19.6%		
50 to 99 employees	579	7.4%		
100 plus employees	3,890	50.0%		
TOTAL	7,779	100.0%		



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.